PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No company has been given industrial approval to manufacture Rifampicin from intermediate stage.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The price fixed was Rs. 3000/- per kg. based on the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO), 1979.

(h) The international prices are subject to greater degree of fluctuation and this Department does not monitor the same.

Categorisation of drugs

988. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Category III of existing Drugs Price Control Order, medicines are price controlled under therapeutic group;

(b) whether it is a fact that categorisation of proposed formulations under Category II is not being done on therapeutic indications;

(c) whether it is a fact that with this criteria, certain medicines for the same disease will be under price control and others outside;

(d) whether it is a fact that with such classification, price control medicines will go out of market and in their place price decontrol medicines will be promoted;

(e) whether it is also a fact that such classification will be infringement of Article 14 of Constitution;

(f) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued by his Ministry in this regard; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The names of drugs to be included in proposed category I and II have not been announced by the Government.

(d) to (g) Do not arise at this stage.

Uniform power tariff

989. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniformity in the rates of power supplied by different power stations operated by the Centre;

(b) if so, what are the details of the power tariffs of the different Central Sector power stations and the reasons for the disparities; and

(c) whether it is proposed to take steps to work out a uniform power tariff for all Central Power Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of supply from different Central Sector generation stations differs on account of various factors like capital cost of the project, cost of fuel, O&M costs, etc. Tariff for supply of power from Central Generating Stations is given in the enclosed statement (see below).

(c) A committee has been constituted to examine all aspects of this matter.

Statement

Tariff for supply of Power from Central Generating Stations

Sl.No.	Source	Tariff (P/Unit)
I.	*National Thermal Power Corporation*	
1.	Singrauli STPS	36·27
2.	Korba STPS	37·64
3.	Ramagundam STPS	46·16
4.	Farakka STPS	60·77
5.	Badarpur TPS	71·97
II.	*National Hydro-electric Power Corpn.*	
1.	Baira Siul H.E. Project	36·41
2.	Loktak H.E. Project	53·10
III.	*Nuclear Power Board*	
1.	TAPS	36·99
2.	RAPS	38·09
3.	MAPS	43·29
IV.	*Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.*	
	Neyveli Thermal Power Station-I	45.75

Clearance of Bodhghat Hydel Power project

990. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bodhghat Hydel Power Project is still pending clearance with the Centre;

(b) since when the said project is pending for clearance of the Central Government;

(c) by when the clearance to the said proposal is likely to be accorded;

(d) what was the original estimated cost of the project; and

(e) what will be its revised cost after it is cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) to (e) The Bodhghat Hydroelectric Power Project (500 MW) was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in Feb., 1979 after techno-economic and environmental clearance at a cost of Rs. 209.3 crores. The proposal regarding transfer of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, was however submitted by the State Government in Feb., 1983. The clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is yet to be given by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Wild-life.

Absence of experts for monitoring drugs

991. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Development Commissioner (Drugs) Adviser (Drugs) and Deputy Director (Cost) are lying vacant;

(b) Whether it is also a fact that neither proper monitoring nor proper examination of proposals are being done in the absence of these experts;